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CODIFICATION AND QUALITY SECTION, PLANNING AND
LOGISTICS DIRECTORATE, DIVISION OF DEFENSE SUPPORT
REFS: A. USNATO A-166, APR 6, 1977, B. STATE A-1845,
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1. NATO ADVISES THAT A REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
DURING INITIAL RECRUITMENT LAST SPRING FOR SUBJECT
VACANCY PRODUCED NO CANDIDATE WITH FULL QUALIFICATIONS
FOR SUBJECT POST. PER REFERENCED AIRGRAMS, THERE WAS
NO U.S. CANDIDATE AT THAT TIME. NOW, ON AN URGENT
BASIS, AND WITH CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS OF OCTOBER
28, 1977 DELEGATIONS ARE ASKED BY NATO TO SEEK CANDIDATES
FOR THE POST.

2. THE U.S. UNDOUBTEDLY HAS A POOL OF WELL-QUALIFIED
PEOPLE IN THIS FIELD, AND UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT
SEEMS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE THAT WE SHOULD BE WILLING
TO CONTRIBUTE TALENT TO THE CRITICAL AREA OF LOGISTICS,
EVEN THOUGH TOP U.S. PRIORITY FOR STAFFING IN THE
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PLANNING AND LOGISTICS DIRECTORATE GENERALLY SHOULD GO
TO MORE BROAD BASED LOGISTICS RATHER THAN MORE LIMITED
AND TECHNICAL CODIFICATION. THAT OPPORTUNITY WOULD,
HOWEVER, DEPEND ON THE AGREEMENT OF OUR ALLIES TO
EXPANSION AND/OR REORGANIZATION OF THE DIRECTORATE
WHICH IS NOT CERTAIN, EVEN ASSUMING EARLY AGREEMENT ON
A GREATLY EXPANDED "CONSUMER LOGISTICS" EFFORT. IN ANY

CASE, THE CODIFICATION EXPERT U.S. CANDIDATE COULD BE RECRUITED WITH AN EYE TO HIS POSSIBLE USE IN A BROADER RANGE OF LOGISTICS ACTIVITY, WITH FORESIGHT TOWARD AN EVENTUAL EXPANSION OF HIS FUNCTIONAL ROLE WITHIN THE DIRECTORATE, IN PARTICULAR THE STANDARDIZATION AREA. FURTHERMORE, SINCE THE U.S. IS GROSSLY UNDER-REPRESENTED ON NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF AN AMERICAN CODIFICATION EXPERT WOULD AT LEAST CONTRIBUTE TO BRIDGING THE GAP.

3. FOR THESE REASONS, USNATO RECOMMENDS U.S. RECRUITMENT FOR THIS VACANCY AND SUGGESTS THAT MR. ALTIZER, THE MRA&L PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CODIFICATION WITHIN OSD, MAY BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY SOME WELL-QUALIFIED APPLICANTS. CPO, NSSG(US) PROVIDES U.S. TITLE AND GRADE FOR THE JOB NOTE: EXPERIENCE IN OTHER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT FIELDS WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

4. NATO JOB DESCRIPTION FOLLOWS:

"DUTIES: UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE HEAD OF SECTION, TO CO-ORDINATE THE CODIFICATION FOR JOINT NATO AND COMMON PROJECTS, AND TO CHAIR THE APPROPRIATE SUB-GROUPS; TO PREPARE AND MAINTAIN THE NATO MANUAL ON CODIFICATION IN ITS ENTIRETY; TO PREPARE AND MAINTAIN THE HANDBOOK ON DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GROUP AND THE HANDBOOK OF WORKING PROCEDURES FOR THE GROUP OF NATIONAL DIRECTORS ON CODIFICATION; TO EVALUATE THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF MEMBER NATIONS AND PREPARE A CONSOLIDATED REPORT ON UNCLASSIFIED

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PROGRESS AND PROBLEMS; TO KEEP UNDER REVIEW THE VARIOUS NATO CODIFICATION PUBLICATIONS AS WELL AS OTHER INFORMATIVE LITERATURE ON CODIFICATION; TO CO-ORDINATE THE WORK OF COUNTRIES WHICH ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR CODIFICATION OF CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF EQUIPMENT; TO DEAL SPECIFICALLY WITH ALL ADP MATTERS CONNECTED WITH CODIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT AND IN PARTICULAR THE NATO DATA EXCHANGE HANDBOOK ON CODIFICATION (NADEX); TO ASSIST THE HEAD OF SECTION IN CO-ORDINATION OF STANDARDIZATION AND INTEROPERABILITY AND SUCH OTHER TASKS AS MAY BE ASSIGNED TO THE SECTION.

"QUALIFICATIONS: GRADUATE OF A UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE OF RECOGNISED STANDING; SEVERAL YEARS' EXPERIENCE AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF CODIFICATION AND RELATED AREAS; GOOD GENERAL EXPERIENCE OF LOGISTICS; THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF ONE OF THE OFFICIAL NATO LANGUAGES AND A WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF THE OTHER; ABILITY TO DRAFT PRECISE REPORTS; SATISFACTORY PHYSICAL CONDITION.

"NOTE: THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL BE OFFERED A CONTRACT OF THREE YEARS' DURATION WHICH MAY BE RENEWED BY MUTUAL CONSENT."

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